Krsna Fights Kaliya Puppet Show

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Note - This can be a spectacular puppet shows. Go to a novelty store and get a strobe light, smoke bombs, and flashpaper (attach to large paper clip, light and throw) for the big fight scene.
We even sprayed hairspray past a candle to make Kaliya's exhaled flames, although this was very dangerous. For the forest fire, we used a shop blower (like an electric fan) and blew up strips of orange silk and colored acetates. I love the simple language of this show!

(Garuda flies about. Use a clear plastic rod on puppet.)

Song: Garuda is Vishnu's carrier,
He can fly in the sky
Garuda is Vishnu's carrier,
He can fly anywhere
He can fly to the Spiritual Sky
And if we really try
We soon will meet Krsna's Lotus Feet
And eternally serve Him there.

Narrator: One day, Garuda, the eternal carrier of Lord Krsna went to the Island of Nagalaya to kill many serpents at his will because Garuda was accustomed to eating snakes. Sometimes, however, he would kill snakes than he needed to eat. So, Vasuki, the leader of the snakes, appealed to Lord Brahma for protection.

Vasuki: Oh my dear Lord Brahma, please accept my obeisances. My Lord, we reptiles are feeling harassed by the great bird Garuda who comes and kills many snakes. We know that he must eat some, because that is his sustenance, but Garuda kills more than he can eat and therefore we are feeling much aggrieved and we are appealing to you to protect us.

Brahma: My dear Vasuki, I understand your dilemma and I have a plan that will stop Garuda from unnecessarily making a disturbance. On each half-moon day, the reptile community should offer one serpent underneath a tree as a sacrifice to Garuda. I am sure that Garuda will accept this offering and not disturb the other serpents.

Vasuki: Oh, thank you, my Lord!

Narrator: So, every half-moon day, Garuda came to Nagalaya and accepted the offerings given by the reptiles and went away. Gradually, however, one of the chief serpents, by the name

of Kaliya, became envious of Garuda. Kaliya was puffed up by his accumulated poison and material position. (music)

Kaliya: SSSSSSSSS. Why has this bird been given this sacrifice? I will take it instead and let this Garuda find his own food! HA HA HA!

Narrator: But, when Garuda found out that Kaliya had been taking the offering meant for him, he became angry and came to kill the offensive serpent!

Garuda: Oh, you sneaky snake, you think you are supreme - I will teach you a lesson!

Kaliya: Oh no, you big bird, you cannot escape my many hoods and poisonous teeth! Take this ! Ha Ha!

Narrator: Kaliya thought he was very powerful, but when he was struck by the effulgent, golden wings of Garuda he felt great pain! Therefore, he immediately fled to the lake known as "Kaliya Daha" near the Yamuna River. Garuda could not approach this lake due to the curse of Subhari Muni who used to meditate there. Subhari Muni had cursed Garuda to be killed because h felt sorry for the fish taken away by Garuda. Garuda is of the stature of the Supreme Lord, therefore he is not bound by any curse, but he did not try to retaliate. The Muni, however, because of creating an offense to a great devotee, fell down from his exalted position and became a sense-enjoyer in this material world. Kaliya, knowing of this curse, tried to take shelter
of the Kaliya Daha lake.

Kaliya: There, I've gotten away! That Garuda won't come here because of the curse of Subhari Muni. I think I'll just swim around and rest my hoods from that terrible fight!

Song: Blue sky, white clouds
Krsna and Balarama
Following the cows
Over on Govardhana
Where the cows stray
The cowherd boys all play
With Krsna and Balarama
All through the day.
(repeat)

Narrator: One day, Krsna and Balarama and Their cowherd boyfriends became very thirsty while herding their cows. So, they went to the bank of the Yamuna to take a drink.

Krsna: Oh please, come now, boys and refresh yourselves in the clear Yamuna!

Narrator: But, because of Kaliya's presence, the boys and calves became visibly affected by drinking the waters.

1st Gopa: Ohhhh, I feel very sick! My head is reeling - ohhh!

2nd Gopa: Me, too! What is this horrible feeling? Ohhh! (dies)

Cow: (mooos and dies)

Krsna: What? My friends are dying from drinking the water! I will not let this happen! I will glance over them and bring them back to life.
(music)

1st Gopa: Oh, Krsna, what has happened? You have saved us! Just see - something has happened to the Yamuna! The birds that fly over are falling dead and the trees and grass have all dried up!

Krsna: Do not be afraid, my friends, it is due to the presence of the poisonous serpent, Kaliya and I will chastise him severely for polluting our beloved Yamuna.

Narrator: Then, Krsna climbed up on a big Kadamba tree on the bank of the Yamuna, tightened His belt and flapping His arms just like a wrestler, jumped in the midst of the poisonous lake. Krsna made the waters overflow it's banks because He is the "Reservoir of All Strength."

Krsna: I will swim around and make a tumultuous sound; then, that Kaliya will know that I am here.

Kaliya: What!? SSSSSSSS - Who has come to attack my home? Ohhhhhh, You look so beautiful and delicate, yet You have angered me!!!

1st Gopa: Ohhhh, nooo! Krsna is caught by the Kaliya Serpent! What shall we do?

2nd Gopa: I cannot move!

Narrator: The cowherd boys and calves were so much stunned out of fear for Krsna that they only cry in agony and stand erect on the bank. They had dedicated everything to Kaliya and when they saw Krsna held within the coils of the serpent they became over-whelmed with fear.

While all this was happening, ill omens became manifest. The earth trembled, meteorites fell from the sky, the bodies of men shivered. Maharaj Nanda and the cowherd men became anxious out of fear and, along with Yasoda, went to search for Krsna, their life and soul.

Song: Dear Tulasi, where is Krsna?
Dear blackberry, where is Krsna?
Dear kadamba flower, where is Krsna? Where is Krsna now?
"Don't be afraid of torrents of rain and severe hurricanes,
I'll save you."
Where is Krsna, where is Krsna now?
"Rascal Kaliya, leave this place; rascal Kaliya, leave this place
I have descended upon the earth to punish all kinds of miscreants."
Where is Krsna, where is Krsna now?
"See the flames of the fire are coming, close your eyes,
I'll save you."
Dear Tulasi, where is Krsna?
Dear blackberries, where is Krsna?
Dear kadamba flower, where is Krsna?
O pear trees, O asoka trees, where is Krsna now?

Nanda: Oh no! Krsna is there in the water. He is being held by a huge serpent! Let me enter the water and save Him!!!!

Yasoda: My dear Krsna! Ohhhhhhhh !!! (faints)

Narrator: Balarama, however, checked them because He is the Master of All Knowledge. He stood there simply smiling.

Balarama: I know that there is no danger. My younger Brother is supremely powerful and this Kaliya is just an ordinary serpent within the material world. Therefore, I am not concerned.

Narrator: All the inhabitants of Vrdavana, however, were absorbed in grief for Krsna. For two hours, Krsna stayed gripped in the coils of the serpent, but when he saw that all the inhabitants of Vrndavana were on the verge of death, He immediately freed Himself by expanding His body! (Music)

Krsna: There! You cannot hold me!

Kaliya: What!? You can't get away from me! I will exhale powerful fumes and fire!! Let's see You escape my sharpened teeth!

Narrator: As Krsna and Kaliya moved in a circle, Kaliya seemed to become fatigued and his strength seemed to decrease considerably. Then Krsna, Who

is the original artist of all fine arts such as dancing, jumped up and began to dance upon the hoods of the serpent! Seeing this, the denizens of heaven began to shower flowers and beat drums!

Demigods: Hari Bol!! Hari Bol!!
(sounds of drums, conchshells, etc.)

Kaliya: (Cough! Cough!) How can this be!? I am so powerful, yet this mere Boy is defeating me! He must be the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the Master of Everything!

Nagapatni 1: My dear Lord, we are the wives of Kaliya; we offer our respectful obeisances to You. Oh, dear Lord, You are equal to everyone. For You, there is no distinction between Your sons, friends or enemies.

Therefore, we consider this punishment to be Your great benediction because one who is punished by You has the reactions of his sinful activities erased.

Nagapatni 1: Dear Lord, You know that for us women, our lives and everything are our husband's. Therefore, we are raying to You to please excuse our husband because if he dies we will be put in great difficulty. Please excuse this great offender!

Krsna: Yes, I will release him.

Kaliya: My dear Lord, I am angry and envious by nature and You know that it is very difficult to give up one's natural instincts. Only by Your mercy can I give it up. Kindly excuse me for my material tendencies. Now, You can punish or save me as You so desire.

Krsna: You must immediately leave this place and go to the ocean! Leave without delay, taking with you all of your offsprings, wives and everything that you possess. Don't pollute the waters of the Yamuna anymore. Let it be drunk by my cows and cowherd boys without hindrance. This order to Kaliya should be recited and heard so that no one need fear Kaliya any longer.

Now Kaliya, you came here out of fear of Garuda, but now, after seeing the marks where I have touched your heads with My Lotus Feet, Garuda will not disturb you.

Nagapatni 1: Oh, thank You, my Lord!

Nagapatni 2: Thank you!

Yasoda: O my dear Lord Krsna, now I have regained my life!

Nanda: 0 my Son, now You are safe!

Balarama: I knew You would be alright, Krsna.

Nanda: Now, give the Brahmanas sumptuous prasadam! Distribute many cows in charity and chant the Vedic hymns for protection!

Narrator: Yasoda simply embraced Krsna and made Him sit on her lap while she shed tears continuously.

Nanda: Well men, it seems to be getting dark and everyone, including the cows and cowherd men, are getting tired. Let us lay down here on the banks of the Yamuna and take rest.

Upananda: Good idea, Nanda! Come, boys! You lay down over here.

Narrator: While all the inhabitants of Vrndavana were taking rest, there was suddenly a great forest fire and it quickly appeared that the fire would devour them all.

1st Gopa: My dear Krsna, 0 Supreme Personality of Godhead!

2nd Gopa: My dear Balarama, 0 Supreme Reservoir of Pleasure, please try to save us from this all devouring and devastating forest fire!

1st Gopa: We have no other shelter but You! This forest fire will soon devour us all, 0h Krsna, help us!!

2nd Gopa: 0h Krsna, help!!

Narrator: Lord Krsna, being compassionate upon His own townspeople, immediately swallowed up the whole forest fire and saved them. This is not impossible for Krsna because He is unlimited. He has unlimited powers to do anything He desires.

Song: Krsna's the Supreme Personality of Godhead
Wherever He appears, He dissipates all fears
His Holy Name alone can liberate us from death
Kaliya got His grace and went to His own place.

Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare